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SUBJECT: SOVIET-CANADIAN MIXED COMMISSION MEETING

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1. ONE OF THE FALLOUTS OF THE SOVIET SPY SCANDAL HAS BEEN CANCELLATION OF THE PLANNED VISIT OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV TO OTTAWA (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN CANADIAN EMBASSY, THERE WERE CONTRACTS OF VERY SUBSTANTIAL SUMS (SEE SEPTTEL) WAITING TO BE SIGNED BY PATOLICHEV IN OTTAWA. WHILE THEY HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE CONTRACTS BE SIGNED EVEN IN HIS ABSENCE, SOVIETS HAVE APPARENTLY DECLINED SO FAR TO DO SO, AS INDICATION OF THEIR DISPLEASURE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM CANADIAN COMMERCIAL MINISTER, WHO LEFT FOR OTTAWA ON FEBRUARY 12, THAT CHIEF OF AMERICAN COUNTRIES DIVISION OF MFT, ZINOV'YEV, HAD LEFT FOR OTTAWA EVEN EARLIER AS ADVANCE MAN FOR MIXED COMMISSION TALKS. DEPUTY MINISTER SUSHKOV WAS ALSO TO GO. PATOLICHEV AND
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SUSHKOV HAD BEEN INVITED BY THE BELOIT CORPORATION TO VISIT SOME OF ITS US FACILITIES AT CONCLUSION OF THE CANADIAN TRIP. ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND FROM US/USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL SOURCE THAT SUSHKOV PLANNED TO TURN THIS DOWN, WE ARE TOLD THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO VISIT FORD MOTOR COMPANY IN DETROIT. TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT SOVIET DELEGATION "WILL NOT GO" TO

CANADA. CANADIAN EMBASSY SAYS IT STILL HAS NO WORD ON
SOVIET PLANS BUT APPEARS INCLINED TO BELIEVE SOVIETS WILL
CANCEL IT. MATLOCK

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